

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2624

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: Duy M. Dang
Satoshi YASHIRO et al.	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2624
Application No.: 10/618,050	)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 6914
Filed: July 14, 2003	)	
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS	)	
AND METHOD	:	February 26, 2008

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION  
AND  
STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 27, 2007, Applicants respectfully  
request that the above-identified application be amended as follows: